



SOUTHERN INDIA

PHT ESCORTED JOURNEY | 12 NOV 2024





9 DAYS | FROM ADELAIDE | Departs 12 Nov 2024

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What to expect

Join us on a journey through the hidden gems of India, where you will stay in some of the finest hotels. Visit Mumbai and follow in the footsteps of King George V and Queen Mary, Bollywood stars and modern-day celebrities. Experience the sights of the South, including Kochi's famous Chinese Fishing Nets and Tea Plantations in the high Western Ghats Mountains. Pass through rural settlements on narrow strips of land between waterways and forever remember how vibrantly colourful this part of India--and its people--are.

Tour Inclusions

- Return economy class flights from Adelaide
- 8 nights accommodation in first-class hotels
- Travel by air-conditioned coach
- Domestic flights (Economy class) in India
- Sightseeing per itinerary with entry fees
- 16 meals (including Welcome and Farewell Dinners)
- Luggage portorage
- Tipping/gratuities
- Mineral water
- Escorted from Adelaide
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour director
- One way home to airport transfer*
- Pre-departure function (in Adelaide)

TOUR FROM

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\$5,999*

SINGLE TRAVELER

\$7,499*

Prices based on per person, twin share ex. Adelaide

**Why not start in Northern India?
Departing 1st November from \$4,799pp**

Personally Escorted by
Anne Ford*



DAY 1 | 12 NOV 2024, TUESDAY
Arrive in Mumbai

Stay: Hotel Fariyas* - 2 nights

Meet your Phil Hoffmann Travel tour escort at Adelaide airport to begin your journey from Adelaide to Mumbai. On arrival in India, you will be greeted by our local tour guide for a transfer to the hotel, where after check-in, you can relax after the long trip. For those joining us from our Introduction into India group tour, you will be greeted by your new local guide and transferred to the hotel, where you will meet your new fellow travellers the following morning.

DAY 2 | 13 NOV 2024, WEDNESDAY
Mumbai and Bollywood

After breakfast, we begin the day with a visit to Mumbai's Gateway of India and the Prince of Wales Museum. The Gateway of India was built in 1924 to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary to India. After lunch at a local restaurant, we'll visit Mumbai Filmcity. Here, we will explore famous movie location and get a feel for Bollywood cinema and its history. We'll experience post-production activities like Foley effects and chroma shooting while learning the art of singing. Wear costumes and makeup as you pose for pictures at selfie points. If we're lucky, we might see a sneak peek of a live dance-and-comedy show! This evening we will enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

DAY 3 | 14 NOV 2024, THURSDAY
Mumbai - Kochi

Stay: Holiday Inn, Cochin* - 2 nights

After breakfast, we will check out of the hotel for a transfer to Mumbai Airport for a flight to Kochi (Cochin). Once on the other end, we arrive at the hotel for check-in, where the rest of the evening will be at your leisure. (B)



DAY 4 | 15 NOV 2024, FRIDAY
Kochi

After breakfast, we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of the satellite towns of Kochi and Ernakulam. Begin with a visit to the Dutch Palace, Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, and the Santa Cruz Basilica. While driving along the coastline at the harbour's mouth, marvel at the unique and still-in-use "Chinese Fishing Nets" introduced by Chinese traders in the 14th century. The tour ends in Fort Kochi, where we will walk through historical Dutch and Portuguese buildings; still amazingly well preserved. Watch a traditional Kathakali performance this evening, followed by a group dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

DAY 5 | 16 NOV 2024, SATURDAY
Kochi - Munnar

Stay: Hotel Vibes Resort - 2 nights

After breakfast and check-out of the hotel, we will embark on a scenic drive through the Western Ghats Mountains to Munnar, the only hill station in Kerala. When we arrive at the hotel, check in and take advantage of all it has to offer - the luxury spa, rooftop pool, or enjoy the breathtaking views. The evening is yours to do as you wish. (B)

DAY 6 | 17 NOV 2024, SUNDAY
Munnar

After breakfast, we leave for Mattupetty Lake and Dam. Located near the edge of a mountain range, this natural lake will surely relax you with its tranquil atmosphere. Enjoy a boat ride on the lake and view the surrounding mountains from afar. Next, we visit a Tea Museum, satisfying your curiosity on different stages of tea processing and teaching you about black tea production! Later this evening, we will come together for dinner at the hotel restaurant. (B, D)

DAY 7 | 18 NOV 2024, MONDAY
Munnar - Alleppy - Kumarakom

Stay: Hotel Lakesong Resort, Punnamada* - 2 nights

After breakfast, we head back by our comfortable coach for Alleppey. At lunchtime, we board a houseboat to enjoy a locally cooked meal while cruising through the backwaters. We pass through rural settlements on narrow strips of land between waterways. The backwaters are a hive of activity with village life all along the banks, boatmen taking goods and materials from one village to the next, children swimming, women washing clothes - and fishermen in traditional wooden boats! We disembark from the Houseboat, where our driver will escort us to our resort in Kumarakom. After check-in, the rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure. (B, L)

DAY 8 | 19 NOV 2024, TUESDAY
Kumarakom

Today we continue with the local exploration, visiting Philpkutty Farm, where you can enjoy a Cooking Class and local lunch. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your fellow travellers, reminiscing over your time in South India with memories to last you a lifetime. (B, D)

DAY 9 | 20 NOV 2024, WEDNESDAY
Departure

Currently, flights departing Kochi back to Australia are quite late, after checking out of the hotel, we will drive back to Kochi for lunch at a local city restaurant, followed by some free time visiting the local market. Later that day, we will be transferred to a hotel close to the airport where rooms for the group will be available for anyone wanting to wash and change before heading out to dinner. After dinner we will be transferred back to the airport for our onward flight to Singapore. Arrive the following morning. (B, L, D)

DAY 10 | 21 NOV 2024, THURSDAY

After arriving in Singapore, a day use room will be made available for the group to check into before our overnight flight to Adelaide.

DAY 11 | 22 NOV 2024, FRIDAY
Arrive back in Adelaide.

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